ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

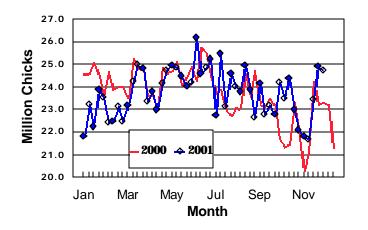
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending December 15, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2000, but 1 percent below the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 15, 2001 were 1.19 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and slightly above the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

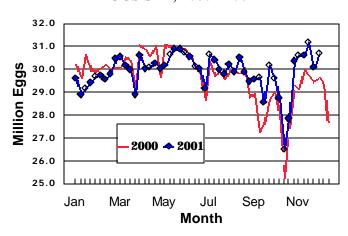
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 15, 2001, up 4 percent from the same period last year and 2 percent above the previous week.

| | NET PL | ACEME | NTS | CHICK | KS HATCI | HED | EGGS SET | | | |
|----------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|----------|-------------|----------|--------|-------------|--|
| Week Ending | 2000 | 2001 | % Change | 2000 | 2001 | % Change | 2000 | 2001 | % Change | |
| | 1,000 | 0 | | 1,00 | 00 | | 1,00 | | | |
| Nov. 10 | 22,178 | 22,127 | 100 | 23,370 | 23,854 | 102 | 29,319 | 30,372 | 104 | |
| Nov. 17 | 20,293 | 21,833 | 108 | 21,014 | 21,976 | 105 | 29,150 | 30,589 | 105 | |
| Nov. 24 | 21,146 | 21,689 | 103 | 22,411 | 23,031 | 103 | 29,980 | 30,582 | 102 | |
| Dec. 1 | 24,253 | 23,459 | 97 | 24,418 | 25,047 | 103 | 29,753 | 31,179 | 105 | |
| Dec. 8 | 23,217 | 24,937 | 107 | 24,193 | 25,189 | 104 | 29,442 | 30,081 | 102 | |
| Dec. 15 | 23,334 | 24,756 | 106 | 24,856 | 25,240 | 102 | 29,661 | 30,701 | 104 | |

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

| | CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | Week Ending | | | | 1/ | Week Ending | | | | | | 1/ |
| STATE | 24-Nov | 01-Dec | 08-Dec | 15-Dec | % | 10-Nov | 17-Nov | 24-Nov | 01-Dec | 08-Dec | 15-Dec | % |
| Alabama | 28,887 * | 29,219 | 29,301 | 29,315 | 104 | 20,256 | 18,995 | 20,473 | 21,412 | 21,853 | 22,331 | 104 |
| ARKANSAS | 30,582 | 31,179 | 30,081 | 30,701 | 104 | 22,127 | 21,833 | 21,689 | 23,459 * | 24,937 * | 24,756 | 106 |
| Delaware | 3,477 | 3,617 | 3,560 | 3,399 | 86 | 4,518 | 5,570 | 4,764 | 5,324 | 4,508 | 4,947 | 117 |
| Florida | 2,358 | 2,306 | 2,310 | 2,282 | 92 | 2,096 | 2,218 | 2,516 | 2,143 | 2,523 | 1,927 | 90 |
| Georgia | 30,651 * | 32,527 | 30,928 | 31,488 | 102 | 23,173 | 23,937 | 23,241 | 25,081 | 25,558 * | 24,075 | 97 |
| Maryland | 8,854 | 10,002 | 7,409 | 8,867 | 106 | 5,584 | 4,262 | 5,321 | 5,599 | 5,627 | 5,317 | 94 |
| Mississippi | 18,060 | 18,501 | 18,658 | 19,024 | 105 | 13,333 | 13,886 | 15,292 | 14,461 | 15,427 | 15,193 | 100 |
| N. Carolina | 18,785 * | 19,760 | 17,848 | 18,758 | 104 | 13,210 * | 13,661 * | 14,375 | 14,853 | 14,597 | 15,113 | 107 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,822 | 3,876 * | 3,789 * | 3,977 | 111 | 2,496 | 2,563 | 2,438 | 2,763 * | 2,746 * | 3,005 | 115 |
| S. Carolina | 4,642 | 4,710 | 4,690 | 4,482 | 92 | 3,679 | 3,266 | 3,755 | 4,229 | 3,756 | 3,816 | 91 |
| Texas | 14,586 | 14,833 | 14,934 | 14,924 | 103 | 10,136 | 9,523 | 11,157 | 11,452 | 11,242 | 11,569 | 100 |
| Virginia | 6,503 | 6,559 | 6,537 | 6,635 | 103 | 4,897 | 4,838 | 4,741 | 4,931 | 5,076 | 5,004 | 90 |
| CATN & W VA | 11,155 * | 11,081 | 10,426 * | 10,706 | 98 | 9,241 | 9,086 | 9,533 | 9,770 _ | 9,513 * | 9,816 | 100 |
| Total 2001 | 182,362 * | 188,170 * | 180,471 * | 184,558 | | 134,746 * | 133,638 * | 139,295 | 145,477 * | 147,363 * | 146,869 | |
| Total 2000 | 180,652 | 180,423 | 176,288 | 179,814 | | 130,622 | 128,656 | 134,733 | 144,183 | 143,211 | 144,833 | |
| % PREV. YEAR | 101 | 104 | 102 | 103 | | 103 | 104 | 103 | 101 | 103 | 101 | |
| APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001- 2002 | | | | | | | 05-Jan | 12-Jan | 19-Jan | 26-Jan | 02-Feb | |
| * Revised . | 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Kentucky | 5,165 * | 5,283 | 5,009 | 4,880 | | 3,742 | 3,704 | 3,935 | 4,046 | 4,056 | 4,094 | |
| *Oklahoma | 6,413 | 6,375 | 6,357 | 6,195 | | 4,819 | 4,074 | 4,293 | 5,677 | 5,225 | 4,487 | |
| *LA & MO | 9,290 * | 9,821 | 8,814 | 9,288 | | 9,040 | 8,570 | 9,224 | 8,758 | 8,148 | 8,979 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

^{*} Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

204.921

200,651 *

203,230 *

19 StateTotal

209,649 *

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 3 PERCENT

152,347 *

149.986 *

156.747

163.958 *

164.792 *

164,429

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 185 million eggs during the week ending December 15, 2001. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 15, 2001 were 7.30 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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